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LETTER DATED 14 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by Mr. Ibrahim M. Bishari, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation, which he requests be made known to the Security Council and distributed as an official document.

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Annex

While I welcome your efforts to identify a peaceful solution to the crisis between my country on the one hand and the United States of America, the United Kingdom and France on the other, I wish to inform you of the following in the hope that this information will be passed on to the Security Council and distributed as an official document.

Libya accepts Security Council resolution 731 (1992), with a view to strengthening the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security, declares once again that it definitively renounces all forms of international terrorism of whatever origin and, accordingly, is taking the following steps:

1. With regard to international terrorism

(i) It severs relations with all groups and organizations involved in international terrorism of any kind;

(ii) It affirms that there are no terrorist training camps or terrorist organizations or groups in its territory and invites a committee from the Security Council, the United Nations Secretariat or any appropriate United Nations body to investigate this at any time;

(iii) Libya will not in any way permit its territory, its citizens or its institutions to be used directly or indirectly for the perpetration of terrorist acts. It is prepared to impose the severest penalties on anyone proved to be involved in such acts;

(iv) Libya undertakes to respect the national options of all States and to base its relations on mutual respect and non-intervention in internal affairs.

With a view to implementing these commitments, Libya is adopting the following measures:

(a) Libya will comply promptly and effectively with the United Kingdom's request for information concerning Libya's links with the Irish Republican Army, including details of financial assistance, provision of weapons, training of personnel and names of contact points. In this connection, Libya proposes that a meeting be held between a Libyan representative and a United Kingdom representative, in the presence of the Secretary-General, at a United Nations headquarters location.

(b) Libya undertakes to deport from its territory the Palestinian national Khidr Samir Ilyas Hijab. Libya believes that this individual is not presently in its territory but undertakes to deport him whenever he may be located in Libyan territory.

(c) In addition to the above, Libya wishes to be informed - and agrees to full and effective cooperation - regarding other concrete and practical measures, including details such as names, contacts or actions specifically required to implement Security Council resolution 731 (1992), with respect to the renunciation of terrorism.

(d) Libya does not now have any link with Abu Musa or Abu Nidal. The last time when Abu Musa visited Libya was in late 1989.

2. With regard to compensation

Libya officially undertakes to pay appropriate compensation if its responsibility for this incident is established.

3. With regard to the French requests

In agreeing to all the French requests contained in document S/23306, submitted to the Secretary-General on 30 December 1991, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya calls for a meeting between the Libyan Examining Magistrate and the French Examining Magistrate under the auspices of the Secretary-General at one of the United Nations headquarters locations, with a view to initiating practical measures for the required judicial cooperation between the two parties in order to establish the truth as soon as possible.

4. With regard to the surrender of the two suspected persons

The competent authorities in Libya have not rejected the principle of surrendering the two individuals under suspicion. Accordingly, they presented a number of initiatives and proposals in accordance with the legislation in force. Since these initiatives and proposals were not accepted by the other parties, they have referred the issue to the Basic People's Congresses (Libya's legislative authority) for the adoption of a suitable position at the earliest opportunity.

The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya affirms its determination to act in a manner which maintains international peace and security and is consistent with the principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Since the onset of this crisis, it has striven - and continues to strive - for an honourable and peaceful solution which will spare the world any further escalation.

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